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unanimous consent to hold over 920 until Monday, is that correct, Senator?

SENATOR KIME: Yes, that is correct.

PRESIDENT: All right. Is there an objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered and the Clerk would like to have you get your amendment up, Senator Kime. Thank you.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R.....

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak, we have a very distinguished guest and visitor to the Chamber. I think we should prepare the House for that. We have a very distinguished guest coming into the Chamber. The Chair would like to ask all Senators to return to your desks and make some sort of appearance here. Would the House please come to order so that the Sergeant at Arms can announce our distinguished guest. Just a minute, please, Mr. Sergeant at Arms. Would the Senators be kind enough to take your chairs, please, so that we can be prepared. Mr. Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: It is with great pleasure that we welcome a very distinguished visitor today, Colonel Joe Engle, astronaut, space engineer and pilot from the L. B. Johnson Space Center at Houston, Texas.

PRESIDENT: I don't have my gavel but I would rap it now if I had it. How's that go. It isn't often that I get to perform this function and I won't burden you with reading this document but on behalf of the State and the Governor, and I am sure all of us join in, it is my pleasure to bestow upon Colonel Engle the rank of Admiral. We are very budget conscious in this state, Colonel, and so we do have a Navy but to keep cost down, we don't have any ships. Of course, we don't need them very badly because although we have more rivers than any other state in the nation, they average an inch and a half in depth. So we are glad to have you in Nebraska, Colonel, and we are very happy to have you greet the Legislature. Thank you for coming.

COLONEL ENGLE: Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Governor Whelan and members of the Legislature and ladies and gentlemen. I won't try to describe how honored I am to be given the chance to stand here today. I want you to know it is the first time I have ever had an opportunity to stand in a place like this and address people in this nature. I am very proud to be back in Nebraska. I get back periodically. Being from Kansas, I am not all that far away from home to get to Nebraska and it sure seems like home, as you